



Fowler Memorial Free Dental Clinic
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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
U. S. House of Representatives
2446 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4902

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin:

On behalf of the Fowler Memorial Free Dental Clinic, I am pleased to submit this request for a congressionally directed appropriation of \$190,000 to support the expansion of the dental clinic. This expansion project is critical for the clinic and the children and families of Green County, Wisconsin who continue to have unmet dental care needs.

The Fowler Memorial Free Dental Clinic is a non-profit organization which began serving children from low income households with identified dental care needs in April of 2009. Using one donated dental chair and a volunteer team of dentists, hygienists and assistants along with a clinic coordinator the clinic has been able to serve over 250 children in 10 months. The large number of patient referrals and generosity of volunteers has led to an unexpected and rapid growth of the clinic. Due to the limited space and one dental chair we have been restricted to serving only children. The Fowler Memorial Free Dental Clinic has requests that far exceed our current physical capacity.

This free dental clinic expansion project would include adding 3 dental operatories, a digital x-ray machine, and provide space for a reception and waiting area. With the additional space and equipment the clinic would be able to serve a larger target group and become a dental home to those seen. The goal of this project is to prevent oral health problems by securing safe and adequate facilities for the provision of routine preventative dental care to Wisconsin children and families in need.

We truly appreciate your consideration of this project and look forward to working with you on this appropriation. Please let us know how we can be of further assistance and thank you for your commitment to our state's health and wellbeing.

Sincerely,

RoAnn Warden
Fowler Memorial Free Dental Clinic Board Chair
Director Green County Health Department